

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1032

Introduced by: Representatives Johns, Beal, Brunner, Duvall, Gosch, Romkema, Rounds, and Stevens and Senators Ewing, Haverly, Holien, Jensen (Phil), Monroe, Olson, Omdahl, Otten (Ernie), Peterson (Jim), Tieszen, and White

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally™, and recognizing Deadwood as "The Historic Jewel of the Black Hills."

WHEREAS, the Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally™ will celebrate its 75th anniversary from August 3-9, 2015. The rally brings hundreds of thousands of people annually to the historic and mesmerizing Black Hills of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the City of Deadwood was at the center of one of the last great gold rushes in the country and serves as a gateway to the Black Hills for national and international visitors traveling to experience Mt. Rushmore, Spearfish Canyon, the curves of Needles Highway, Custer State Park, and the Black Hills' newest historical tribute, the Crazy Horse Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Deadwood is of international historical significance as the place where the "Dead Man's Hand" of aces and eights was drawn by Wild Bill Hickok before he was gunned down, while holding that very poker hand, and the place where others like Calamity Jane, Potato Creek Johnny, Seth Bullock, and Al Swearengen created their legends and legacies, which are now known world-wide, due to the success of the three-season HBO® series, Deadwood; and

WHEREAS, the City of Deadwood offers its hospitality to the thousands of Sturgis® fans who will "rush" to experience the magic and history of the Black Hills later this year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninetieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the City of Deadwood is recognized as "The Historic Jewel of the Black Hills" and opens its doors to welcome motorcycle fans to the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally™.

